Supporting students: Alumni Association soars to new heights

T his academic year, UCSC graduates and other donors to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (AASF) have provided more student scholarships than ever before. Both the dollar amount and the number of financial-need-based scholarships reached record levels: 20 undergraduates received new awards of $3,000 each, and 23 students received their scholarships at $1,500 each. Together, these awards total $94,500.

The Alumni Association has recently launched two new scholarship initiatives within AASF and a new program to raise money for the colleges.

The Eric Thomas Memorial Scholarship honors the late Oakes ’64 graduate, former Alumni Association president, and co-founder of Black Escargot (UCSC’s African American alumni affinity group), who passed away in June 2004. Charles Tellier Jr. is the first recipient of this award (see page 22). The Alumni Association’s First in Family scholarship initiative targets financially needy students who are the first in their family to attend UC.

The Alumni Colleges Fund Tikes Program will generate annual and endowment funds for UCSC’s colleges. For a gift of $1,000 or more, donors may purchase a personalized engraved tile that will be permanently displayed at the college of their choice (see page 23).

To make a gift to these and other campus support programs, go online to alumni.ucsc.edu.

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Alumni site makes connecting easier

A s April’s Banana Slug Spring Fair campus reunion weekend draws near, every UCSC graduates are finding the Alumni Association’s web page more useful than ever before.

The Online Directory contains more useful than ever before. Alumni Association’s web page—more useful than ever before. The Online Directory contains more than 16,000 e-mail addresses—a record number of alumni e-mails since the site was launched in March 2002. E-mail makes it easy to find and contact old friends.

The Alumni site makes connecting easier, accessible, and affordable. Membership in your Alumni Association supports UCSC and its students by: • Providing scholarships • Funding college projects • Offering career advice and networking • Hosting visiting scholars • Promoting excellence with awards.

Make your nomination: You may have a winner

UCSC lecturer M. Victoria González Pagant “introduced me to a world of Spanish language, literature and linguistics that I could not have known otherwise.” She is the reason I am pursuing graduate studies in Spanish,” wrote Jeney Nadaler (Cowell ’03) when she nominated the winner of the Alumni Association’s 2004-05 Distinguished Teaching Award. Nominations are now open for the Alumni Association’s 2005-06 Alumni Achievement, Outstanding Staff, and Distinguished Teaching Awards. Nominations of a memorable professor, an exceptional staff member, and an accomplished UCSC graduate may bring well-deserved recognition to a member of the campus community.

To make a nomination, go to alumni.ucsc.edu/programs and choose the “awards” button. The 2005-06 nomination deadline is May 6.